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For: **METHOD AND KIT FOR THE DETECTION OF SCHISTOSOMIASIS THROUGH THE POLYMERASE CHAIN REACTION**

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**December 3, 2001**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title and before the first line insert the following:

-- This application is the US national phase of international application PCT/BR01/00035 filed April 4, 2001 which designated the U.S. --.

## REMARKS

The above amendment is made to identify the PCT application upon which this U.S. national phase is based.

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A copy of the Notification dated April 16, 2002 is attached.

Return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO 1449 Form is requested, pursuant to MPEP § 609. The attached PTO 1449 Form lists documents listed on the attached Search Report received in connection with PCT/BR01/00035. Copies of the cited documents should have been forwarded to the U.S. PTO by the International Bureau however the Office is requested to contact the undersigned if anything further is required in this regard.

Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy of the priority document filed with the International Bureau in the Examiner's next Communication is requested.

The specification has been amended to include the attached Sequence Listing. The attached paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same. No new matter has been added. A separate Statement to this effect is attached.

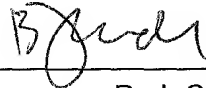
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An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

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